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FEBRUARY.

2-(Box 24) Shed, defective stove pipe, Connecticut Engineering & Construction company, 87 North Main St.  
3-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Eugene Tourcotte and others, 3 Fourth St.  
4-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Michael Allen and others, 102 Boswell Ave.  
5-(T) Dwelling, smoking on couch, Beverly Howard, 77 Hamilton Ave.  
6-(S) Tenements, overheated stove, Isaac Sarfenovitch and others, 188 West Main St.  
7-(Box 14) Garage, vulcanizer, Sterry & Washburn, 187 West Main St.  
8-(Box 112) Paint vat, paint boiling over, Hammond Process company, Shipping St.  
9-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Mrs. E. Howard, Hammond Ave.  
10-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, James Chester and others, 45 North Cliff St.  
11-(Box 223) Tenements and stores, cause unknown, Mrs. Charles Davis and others (Marguerite building), North Main St.  
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MARCH.

1-(T) Stump of fire, crossed electric wires, American Wood Working Machine company, 28 Thames St.  
2-(T) Chimney, blown down, Mrs. Charles Davis and others, 9 North Main St.  
3-(T) Tenements, smoke from stove, Harry Beckman and others, 133 West Main St.  
4-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Frank Eldridge and others, 351 Central Ave.  
5-(T) Dwelling, crossed electric wires, Lemuel Manning, 32 Peck St.  
6-(Box 35) False alarm, corner Washington and School Sts.  
7-(T) Dwelling, defective gas burner, Guy B. Dolbear, 69 Warren St.  
8-(Box 27) Dwelling, smoking on couch, Adelard Gauthier, 31 Second St.  
9-(T) Stores and offices, smoke seen on roof, N. Tarrant & company and others, 115 North Main St.  
10-(T) Dwelling, oil stove explosion, Henry King, 201 West Main St.  
11-(T) Shed, dropping match, Dr. P. J. Cassidy, 46 Main St.  
12-(T) Store and dwelling, cause unknown, James Burke, 64 South St.  
13-(S) Dwelling, sparks from tin-furnace, Mrs. Mary Kelly, rear North High St.  
14-(T) Telephone pole, crossed wires on pole, City of Norwich, corner North High and Cove Sts.  
15-(T) Tenements, overheated stove pipe, Angelo Izzo, 62 North Main St.  
16-(Box 14) Tenements and store, child with matches, Frank Baker and others, 5 Thames St.  
17-(S) Dwelling, chimney fire, Benjamin Lawrence, 107 Central Ave.  
18-(T) Open lot, Dr. H. E. Higgins, rear 21 Fairmount St.  
19-(T) Open lot, grass fire, Norwich Land Improvement company, rear 78 West Thames St.  
20-(Box 45) Open lot, brush fire, rear Laurel Hill Ave.  
21-(Box 6) Store and tenements, cause unknown, J. G. Potter and others, 410 Main St.  
22-(T) Dwelling, hot coal under plank, C. H. Frisbie, 53 McKinley Ave.  
23-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, John Bradley and others, 159 North Main St.  
24-(T) Manufacturing plant, picker room, Falls Cotton company, Falls mill.  
25-(T) Dwelling, overheated stove pipe, Frederick N. Clark, 245 West Main St.  
26-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Frank Houck, 44 Summer St.  
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APRIL.

2-(T) Stores and tenements, back draught in chimney, S. K. Ames, 122 Main St.  
3-(Box 14) Garage, prostatic tank exploded, Washburn & Sterry, 127 West Main St.  
4-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Harry Leonard and others, 121 Franklin St.  
5-(T) School, grass fire, Academy corporation, rear Norwich Free Academy.  
6-(Box 225) School, spontaneous, Academy corporation, Norwich Free Academy.  
7-(T) Tenements, lamp explosion, Herman Schultz and others, 70 Union St.  
8-(S) Dwelling, cigarette, Mrs. Annie Lafferty, 240 Yantic St.  
9-(Box 118) Factory and storage, cigarette smoking, A. J. Cohen and others, Elevator building.  
10-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Miss M. C. Turner, 55 Broad St.  
11-(Box 27) Factory, overheated journal, U. S. Finishing company, Greenville.  
12-(T) Open yard, grass fire, Richard Powers, Cliff terrace.  
13-(Box 13) Tenements, smoking in bed, Mary Sidney and others, 116 Thames St.  
14-(T) Park brush fire, City of Norwich, Mohegan park.  
15-(T) Stores, offices, etc., chimney fire, Herbert Willey, 45 West Main St.  
16-(Box 27) Shed, cause unknown, John A. Morn, 45 North Main St.  
17-(Box 33) Demonstration, Union square.  
18-(T) Open lot, brush fire, J. D. Rogers, rear Spruce St.  
19-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, John J. Harrington, Hinckley St.  
20-(Box 28) Open lot, burning rubbish, Octave Carron, rear 552 North Main St.  
21-(T) Open lot, boys with matches, Norwich and Improvement company, rear Summit St.  
22-(T) Open lot, brush fire, rear Ward St.  
23-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Albert May, 457 North Main St.  
24-(T) Open lot, brush fire, rear Summit St.  
25-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, F.

E. Dowe, 60 Summer St.  
26-(Box 47) Barn, cause unknown, unoccupied, rear 418 North Main St.

MAY.

1-(T) Hotel, defective chimney, Victor Barry, Baltic.  
2-(T) Open lot, dropping matches, unoccupied, rear 867 Boswell Ave.  
3-(T) Park brush fire, City of Norwich, Mohegan park.  
4-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Alex. Silverman, 10 Aqueduct St.  
5-(Box 14) Tenements, cleaning bed, Peter Jahn and others, 190 West Main St.  
6-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, John McNamara, 12 Hickory St.  
7-(T) Open lot, brush fire, Norwich Land Improvement Co., rear Avery St.  
8-(Box 236) Dwelling, cigarette, Lev. Barthos, 104 Central Ave.  
9-(Box 112) Open lot, sparks from locomotive, unoccupied, rear Lafayette St.  
10-(Box 14) Station platform, cigarette, C. V. R. R. Co., Falls Ave.  
11-(Box 7) Shed, lamp explosion, John Dedrickson, 184 Elizabeth St.  
12-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, A. G. Warren and others, 80 Maple St.  
13-(T) Shed, sparks from locomotive, Michael Kearney, rear 153 Sachem St.  
14-(T) Barn, children with matches, J. Halpin and others, rear 176 North Main St.  
15-(T) Park brush fire, City of Norwich, Mohegan park.  
16-(Box 23) Store and tenements, oil stove explosion, Joseph Postakas and others, 50 Main St.  
17-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Jacob C. Benjamin, 3 Grove St.  
18-(T) Park brush fire, City of Norwich, Mohegan park.  
19-(T) Dwelling, cigarette, unoccupied, rear Shipping St.  
20-(T) Tenements, oil stove explosion, Mrs. Laura French and others, 31 West St.  
21-(T) Refrigerator car, cigarette, unoccupied, rear Rose Place.  
22-(Box 43) Dwelling, chimney fire, C. F. Nott and others, 7 Summit St.  
23-(Box 14) Tenements and store, cause unknown, James Matasee and others, 21 Thames St.  
24-(Box 14) Dwelling, plumber's torch, Roger H. Had, 91 Thames St.  
25-(Box 38) Dwelling, chimney fire, Gilbert Williams, 124 Maple St.  
26-(Box 223) Tenement and store, smoking in bed, Peter Rulandis, 331 Main St.  
27-(Box 18) Stores and lodge rooms, cause unknown, The F. A. Wells company and others, 72-84 Main St.  
28-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Ephraim Williams, 124 Maple St.  
29-(T) Theatre, chimney fire, Davis theatre, Broadway.  
30-(T) Stores and tenements, back draught in chimney, Mrs. E. Taff and others, 50 Franklin St.  
31-(Box 224) Church, cause unknown, Swedish church, corner Hickory and Golden Sts.  
32-(Box 224) Church, sparks from previous fire, Swedish church, corner Hickory and Golden Sts.  
33-(Box 224) Church, sparks from stovepipe, Mrs. Annie Lafferty and others, 240 Yantic St.

JUNE.

1-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Charles F. Engler, 42 Hamilton Ave.  
2-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Mr. McGowan, 83 Roosevelt Ave.  
3-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, H. E. Draper and others, 88 Prospect Ave.  
4-(Box 13) Dwelling, sparks from chimney, P. Volchok, 25 James St.  
5-(T) Dwelling, upsetting lamp, Charles Fox, 56 Tenth St.  
6-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Mrs. J. M. Hammond, 67 Main St.  
7-(T) Dwelling, cause unknown, Henry Hanrahan, 190 West Town St.  
8-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Mr. W. H. and others, 7 Summit St.  
9-(S) Tenements, rags in chimney, K. Lahn and others, 69 Summit St.  
10-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, James Hunt and others, 171 Boswell Ave.  
11-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Mrs. Bronsteln, 128 High St.  
12-(Box 15) Dwelling, cause unknown, Isaac Myer, rear 20 Fairmount St.  
13-(S) Bakery, smoldering ruins, Isaac Myer, rear 20 Fairmount St.  
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15-(T) Dwelling, cause unknown, William Sherman, 160 West Town St.  
16-(T) Bridge, sparks from locomotive, Town of Norwich, West Side Bridge.  
17-(Box 138) Warehouse, spontaneous combustion, American Straw Board Co., Thamesville.  
18-(Box 18) Warehouse, mice and matches, A. N. Carpenter and others, 27 Cornhill St.  
19-(Box 212) Tenements, firecracker, Roger Tighe and others, 16 Pratt St.  
20-(Box 113) Factory, spontaneous combustion, United Metals Co., Shipping St.  
21-(T) Tenements, upsetting lamp, Mrs. Mary Good and others, 75 Union St.  
22-(T) Dwelling, meat burning, Miss Millie Turner, 55 Broad St.  
23-(Box 42) Factory, sparks from cupola, Richmond Radiator Co., 120-170 Thames St.  
24-(T) Automobile, back fire, Schwartz Bros., Franklin Square.  
25-(T) Automobile, back fire, Schwartz Bros., 26 Pond St.  
26-(Box 42) Stores and dwellings, gasoline explosion, Smith's Drug Store, and others, 265 Main St.  
27-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Samuel W. Hill, 8 S. St.  
28-(T) Tenements, oil stove explosion, Mand Young and others, 60 Water St.  
29-(Box 12) Shed, back fire from gasoline, Albert Code, rear 297 West Thames St.  
30-(T) Yard pile, children with matches, Albert Code, rear 204 West Main St.  
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AUGUST.

3-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, James Johnson and others, 57 Washington St.  
4-(Box 21) Tenements, mice and matches, H. P. Beausoleil and others, 131 Main St.  
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11-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, L. S. S. and others, 60 Maple St.  
12-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, J. J. Murphy, 133 Broad St.  
13-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, E. J. Manton, 21 Winchester St.  
14-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Patrick Sheehan and others, 33 Central Ave.  
15-(S) Dwelling, smoking in bed, William F. Austin, 10 Durkee Lane.

SEPTEMBER.

7-(T) Electric wires, City of Norwich, front 86 West Thames St.  
8-(T) R. R. fire, sparks from locomotive, Railroad Co., rear River Ave.  
9-(T) Bridge, dropping cigarette, Town of Norwich, Preston bridge.  
10-(Box 13) Factory, sparks from grass fire, unoccupied, 114 Forest St.  
11-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, Witter & C. Tingley, 31 D. Broad St.  
12-(T) Automobile, Mrs. E. Benjamin, rear 206 Main St.  
13-(Box 27) House, match dropping, unoccupied, 25 Second St.  
14-(T) Tenements, chimney fire, Extra Huntley and others, 381 West Main St.  
15-(T) Yard, hot ashes, Fred Leflingwell, rear 5 Grove St.  
16-(T) Apartments, smoke in rooms, Mrs. G. C. Ripley and others, 179 Broad St.  
17-(S) Yard, spontaneous, M. A. Barber, rear 23 Chestnut St.  
18-(S) Yard, brush fire, unoccupied, rear Laurel Hill Ave.  
19-(T) Tenements, back draft in chimney, A. Seymour and others, 38 Union St.  
20-(T) Dwelling, chimney fire, John F. Moore, 88 Fountain St.  
21-(T) Publishing plant, chimney

THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

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1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.  
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5. Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.  
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7. Whatever you are—Be that!  
8. Whatever you say—Be true!  
9. Straightforwardly, act.  
10. Be honest—in fact.  
11. Be nobody else but you.

POETRY.

My Kitten.

My little kitten is nice and sweet,  
The cutest kitten in all the street;  
She's smooth and sleek and fat and plump,  
Her tail is long; her name is "Dumpy."

She's dear and true, loving and kind,  
The dearest cat you ever could find.  
She wouldn't even hurt a rat,  
For she's a vegetarian cat.

—Jesse H. Hays (Age 8).

Good-Night, Cuckoo Clock.

Good-night, cuckoo clock, I'm sleepy now,  
Pray, what is that you say?  
You're ticking fast the hours of night,  
You're run right thru the day.

And when the day was sleepy too,  
And closed his one big eye;  
The cuckoo from the clock came forth,  
And sang eight times, "Good-bye!"

"Cuckoo, cuckoo!" his good-night song,  
Then hid him 'till day was gone;  
Slam, slam, the little door is shut,  
And I must leave my play!

—Wee Wisdom.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mildred Weaver of Mansfield Depot: I received the prize book you sent me. It is just what I wanted. I think it very interesting. I thank you very much for it.

Miriam M. Grover of Norwich: Thank you for the nice book I received. I have read it and found it very interesting.

Margaret McGrath of Roxburyville: I thank you very much for your book. I found it very interesting.

Alice M. Gorman of Versailles: I received the prize book. A Regular Tomboy, which you sent. I thank you very much for it. I wish you and the Wide-Awakes a very Happy New Year.

Lena Lacasse of Uncasville: I received the prize book. I was very glad. I am very much interested in it. I thank you for it.

Frances Martin of Willimantic: I received the prize book you sent me, and found it very interesting. I thank you very much for it.

Howard Welden of Willimantic: I received the prize book and thank you very much for it. I think it a fine book. A Happy New Year to you and all the Wide-Awakes.

THE WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS.

1-Patrik Mahoney of Norwich, Baseball Joe on the School Nine.  
2-Joseph Mirtl of West Willington, Tom Swift and His Electric Runabout.  
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Two Children Did.

4-Helen Whitaker of Providence, R. I. Camp Fire Girls Amid the Snow.  
5-Helen Wineckie of Yantic, The Green Door.

Stories Written by Wide-Awakes.

Peace.

The horrors of the European war have no doubt already come to your attention. All the nations involved have suffered very much so far, but little Belgium especially has borne the greatest of the strife.

Christmas, which all of us so cheerfully enjoy, has been a most dreary one for the inhabitants of that desolated country.

In fact, we have much to regret that the efforts of Pope Benedict to effect a Christmas truce were not realized. With fatherly devotion, he saw the plight of the people in the warring countries, and he worked most zealously to contribute to the greatest of all feasts, Christmas.

It is not likely every one wished a Happy New Year will enjoy a whole year of happiness. Uncle Jed questions whether a full year of happiness is desirable. It is the opposite experiences which teach us to properly value pleasure.

The happiness of all of us depends not only upon the ways of life but upon our own way of thinking. The miseries of life are not worth counting, but the blessings of life are worth counting and dwelling upon. Even where misfortune seems greater than we can bear, it usually could be very much worse.

Wishing happiness does not create happiness, but healthy action and healthy thought do.

What has thought to do with it? Well, if you think you are not used right, or that you are not lucky, or that life is full of hard work, you will not be happy. If you try to be obedient and prompt and kind and attentive, you will be doing small things better and better, and that will make the world seem good to you.

Some one has told us we cannot take out of life any more than we put into it, and this in a large measure is true. If we put work and contentment into life, we get very much more out of it than if we shirk little duties and are like to do our work with a grudge and dislike to do our home duties.

But still the world is not so disagreeable that we get a bad name and no one desires to have us help them or to help us.

Happy life consists largely in our helping one another, and if we form anything but the help-one-another habit we are putting into life dissatisfaction which leads straight to worry and want.

The world would be better if we all thought of self-right—the true relation of self to our neighbor and to God. Most of the misfortunes of life are caused by those who do not care anything about their neighbor or God. Me and mine is what they think, and what they pray, and what they do, and what they say.

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